

SEARCHING BY NAME IN THE SWEDISH CHURCH BOOKS AND POPULATION REGISTERS

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OBJECTIVES

You will become familiar with the new index searching or people searching features in ArkivDigital (<https://app.arkivdigital.se>) You can access these indexes by accessing the application and selecting *Index search*. Under index source, you will find a list of indexes to search. Select the one you wish to search. In addition, additional registers within ArkivDigital will be pointed out.

NAME SEARCHABLE INDEXES (As of November 2019)

Population of Sweden 1860-1947
Population of Sweden 1940
Population of Sweden 1950
Population of Sweden 1960
Population of Sweden 1975
Population of Sweden 1985
Population of Stockholm 1945
Births (Parts of Sweden)
Marriages (Parts of Sweden)
Deaths (Parts of Sweden)

POPULATION OF SWEDEN 1860-1947

This is a name searchable register of the household examination/congregation records between 1860 and 1947 for all of Sweden. The index record displays the following information about the person: name, birth date, birth place and current residence (time of the household record). Members of the household are displayed along with a direct link to the original record. A link to the birth book for the person is also included. If the person died, often you will find a link to the death book.

Remember children had no surnames while they lived with their parents, so one should try searching in some cases only with given names.

Note – household/congregation records were not created for many parishes in Stockholm city beginning in the 1870's. Included are records from the Stockholmsarkivet for the years 1878-1926 with a link to the original record.

ADVANCED SEARCH FEATURES

You can search by name, birth, census or residence and household. You can search by first name, last name, gender or a combination of these fields in the birth section of the advanced search function. In the birth section, you can search by birth date or select between years (for example births between 1865 and 1870). The entry format for the birth date is YYYY-MM-DD. One can also search by birth parish, birth county or birth country (if the birth country is not Sweden). The household search possibility is one of the most exciting and usable. Here one can combine information about persons living together in a family in order to find matches in cases where one does not have a lot of information about the family. One can include multiple persons in the household in the search by clicking “Add person”.

POPULATION OF SWEDEN 1940

The Population of Sweden 1940 is a name searchable index for all who lived in Sweden on the 31st of December 1940.

The source material for the Population of Sweden 1940 consists of the extracts sent to Statistics Sweden that were used to create the 1940 census. Most of the extracts are from the source titled: “*Utdrag ur församlingsbok den 31 december 1940 och mantalsuppgift för år 1941* (Extract out of the congregation book on December 31, 1940 and tax information for the year 1941)”. However, in Stockholm City, no congregation books were created for most of the large parishes at that time. The source for the population census for these parishes comes from “*Utdrag ur Stockholms stads civila folkregister den 31 december 1940 och mantalsuppgift för år 1941* (Extract from Stockholm City population register on December 31, 1940 and tax information for the year 1941)”.

POPULATION REGISTER OF 1950

The 1950 Swedish Census is drawn from the country’s tax register published in 1951 using data collected late in the previous year and includes everyone who then lived in Sweden.

The register is searchable by name and includes full name, birth date and birth parish, marital status, and information about their place of residence. Individuals are grouped by households, though the relationships among those living together are not stated. Nonetheless, it is often possible to infer additional information. If a man and woman in the same household have the same marriage date, for example, they most likely are married to each other.

Additional information in the database includes the maiden name of married women and the place of registration in the previous tax register. Usually, there is a link to the first image of the parish birth book that will contain the person’s birth record.

POPULATION REGISTER OF 1960

The Population of Sweden 1960 is very similar to the Population of Sweden 1950 index, but a decade later. The 1961 tax register, with information collected at the end of 1960, is the data source. Advanced search is available.

POPULATION REGISTER OF 1975

The Population of Sweden 1960 is very similar to the Population of Sweden 1950 and 1960 indexes. The 1975 tax register, with information collected at the end of 1974, is the data source. Advanced search is available.

POPULATION REGISTER OF 1985

The Population of Sweden 1985 is very similar to the Population of Sweden 1950, 1960 and 1975 indexes. The source for the Population of Sweden 1985 is an extract from the 1986 tax register and reflects conditions on the 1st of November 1985. For Uppsala county, the tax register for 1986 is missing. Instead, the source for Uppsala county is the 1987 tax registers reflecting conditions on the 1st of November 1986.

POPULATION REGISTER OF STOCKHOLM 1945

The Population of Stockholm 1945 covers the entire population of Stockholm City on December 31, 1945, approximately 670,000 persons. The sources for this index are forms titled "*Utdrag ur Stockholms stads civila folkregister den 31 december 1945 och mantalsluppgift för år 1946*" or Extract from the Stockholm City population register on December 31, 1945 and tax records for the year 1946. These forms were sent to the Central Bureau of Statistics and were the basis for the 1945 Census.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS FOR PARTS OF SWEDEN

There are searchable names indexes for births, marriages and death records for parts of Sweden. The goal is to create name searchable indexes for birth, marriages and deaths for all of Sweden from the earliest times. Today, the register includes all the births, marriages and deaths for Kronoberg county, about 80 parishes in Södermanland and a few parishes in Blekinge, Jönköping, Kalmar, Kristianstad and Norrbotten counties from earliest times (1600's) to late 1800's and some even up to 1920. In addition, the birth index includes all the birth records for the years 1800 to 1840 for Gotland, Gävleborg, Norrbotten, Västerbotten, Västmanland, Älvsborg, and Örebro counties. To see an updated list of what parishes are included in the indexes, go to the following links:

- Births - <https://www.arkivdigital.se/online/register/fodelseregister>
- Marriages - <https://www.arkivdigital.se/online/register/vigselregister>
- Deaths - <https://www.arkivdigital.se/online/register/dodregister>

OTHER NAME REGISTERS

Name Register (Släktnamnsregister)

Name registers exist for the following areas:

- Släktnamnsregister for Dalsland
- Släktnamnsregister for Göteborg och Bohus
- Släktnamnsregister for Skaraborg
- Släktnamnsregister for Värmland
- Släktnamnsregister for Västgötadeln of Älvsborgs

These registers include name indexes for some birth, marriage, death, moving and household examination records up to 1800 for non-patronymic names. These registers can be very helpful if you are researching a person with a soldier's name or a non-patronymic name.

You can find these registers in ArkivDigital by going to *archive search* typing in "Släktnamnsregister" in the search box and click search or you can search by archive type and then select registers.

CITY PARISH REGISTERS

You will also find name registers for parish books in some parish archives which also include both patronymic and non-patronymic names. Whenever you research a parish, it is always recommended to browse the archive to see what types of volumes are included in the archive. Occasionally, you will see "*register*" or "*personregister*" volumes.

For example, you will find many name registers for many of the parishes within Malmö. These registers provide names indexes for birth, marriage, death, household examination and moving in and out books. You will find the name registers listed in the volume list for the respective parish as volume type, registers. When you click on a register, the information box above will show you what type of a register it is such as register for births for certain years.

Below is a sample list of parishes with name registers.

Parish Archive	County
Visby stadsförsamling	Gotland
Göteborgs Domkyrkoförsamling	Göteborg och Bohus
Göteborgs Karl Johan	Göteborg och Bohus
Göteborgs Kristine	Göteborg och Bohus
Uppsala domkyrkoförsamling	Uppsala
Karlstad stadsförsamling	Värmland
Umeå landsförsamling	Västerbotten

Special search operators in ArkivDigital's index search

<i>Search Operator</i>	<i>Explanation</i>
Asterisk (*)	Blom* - Shows all the names that begin with letters preceding the *. An asterisk at the end of Bergl* will find Berglind, Bergling, Berglund, etc.
Vertical Bar ()	The vertical bar equals OR. The entry Stenquist Stenkvist will show posts for both names.
Minus sign (-)	The minus sign equals NOT. If you enter -Västra Frolunda will find Östra Frolunda but not Västra Frolunda
Plus sign (+)	The plus sign equal AND. For example: Lundqvist+Lundberg will find all posts which includes both names in the record.
Parenthesis ()	Searches for alternative spellings – For example aurora (concordia konkordia konkordia konkordia) searches for all posts that includes Aurora Concordia, Aurora Konkordia, Aurora Konkordia and Aurora Konkordia).
~1 (tilde plus a number) after keyword =	Approximate search with numerical character difference For example: appelqvist~1 will find in addition to Appelqvist, Appelquist, Appelkvist where one character or letter differs from the original keyword. If one increases number to 2 appelqvist~2, one will also find Apelquist.
~1 (tilde plus a number) after phrase =	Approximate search. An additional word may be found. (The first and last word in the phrase shall be mentioned). For example "sven filip"~1 finds also Sven Gustaf Filip and Sven Erik Filip. A search "sven filip"~2 will find in addition Sven Johan Olof Filip as well as Filip Sven.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

<https://www.arkivdigital.net/swedish-genealogy>

<http://blog.arkivdigital.net/name-searchable-indexes-in-arkivdigital/>

<http://blog.arkivdigital.net/new-index-simplifies-stockholm-genealogy-research/>

<http://blog.arkivdigital.net/search-by-name-in-the-swedish-historical-records/>

<http://blog.arkivdigital.net/population-of-stockholm-1945/>

<http://blog.arkivdigital.net/population-of-sweden-1940-now-available-in-arkivdigital/>

<http://blog.arkivdigital.net/searching-for-a-birth-record-using-name-indexes/>

<http://blog.arkivdigital.net/new-name-searchable-birth-index-1800-1840-in-gotland-county/>

<http://blog.arkivdigital.net/new-name-searchable-birth-index-1800-1840-in-vasterbotten-county/>

<http://blog.arkivdigital.net/new-name-searchable-birth-index-1800-1840-in-norrboten-county/>

<http://blog.arkivdigital.net/searching-now-easier-for-births-in-vastmanland-alvsborg-and-orebro-counties-1800-1840/>

<http://blog.arkivdigital.net/name-register-review/>